



**Section Six: School District Facilities**

*“Together We Learn”*

**650 – PUBLIC USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

**Introduction**

The Board of Education believes that school facilities are provided primarily for the education of public school students but that appropriate use by the community is acceptable in accordance with this policy and the regulations.

**Policy**

1. School buildings and grounds are the responsibility of the Board as set out in the School Act and may, on proper application, be made available for community use provided that:
  - 1.1 the activity shall not interfere with the education of public school students;
  - 1.2 the use shall not adversely reflect upon the district;
  - 1.3 the School District may charge fees in accordance with Regulation 650R – Public Use of School Facilities (Regulations).
  - 1.4 the School District may restrict or deny consumption of alcohol on school property in accordance with Regulation 650R – Public Use of School Facilities (*Regulations*).
  
2. As school buildings and property are purchased from taxes paid by the public, the community use of such facilities should be encouraged. Therefore, the Board directs that when buildings (new or existing) are being designed or renovated, district staff should attempt to ensure that the facility will enhance community use (as per Policy 605 - Educational Facility Planning).

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Related Documents: School Act Sec. 74, 650R, 650A